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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Your Office Action of November 29, 2006 is hereby acknowledged. That Office Action was an Advisory Action stating Applicant's Amendment of October 5, 2006 raised "new issues that would require further consideration and/or search."

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

Your Office Action of July 7, 2006 specified a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. That period expired on October 7, 2006. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully petitions herewith for a two-month extension of time to reply, and submits the appropriate fee.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant also respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 for this application and submits the appropriate fee.

ACTION BY EXAMINER

At the time of the mailing of your Advisory Action of November 29, 2006, claims 5-13 were pending in the application. An amendment was submitted on October 5, 2006 in response to the July 7, 2006 Office Action. This amendment was not considered due to Examiner's claim that Applicant's Amendment of October 5, 2006 raised "new issues that would require further consideration and/or search." Therefore, October 5, 2006 amendment is resubmitted along with Applicant's arguments by way of traversal.

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Actions of July 7 and November 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as outlined below. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on pages 3-5 of this document.

Traversal Remarks/Arguments are included on pages 6-7 of this paper.